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### ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT INVESTIGATION ARRESTS

In May 2015 officers from Operations Division Midtown began an investigation into a group of individuals committing organized retail theft. The officers looked into several incidents and noticed a trend that actually started in February 2015. This particular group of individuals would respond to various “big box” stores throughout the city and remove items from the store without paying. The subjects would then return the items to the store or pawn them. This practice caused the stores to lose thousands of dollars in merchandise.

The officers, in conjunction with officers from Operations Division West and the Organized Retail Theft Unit, performed an undercover operation and were subsequently able to identify and arrest five adults related to this scheme. Those individuals have been identified as 24-year-old Richard Godoy, 27-year-old Felipe Godoy, 38-year-old Elizabeth Godoy, 26-year-old Guadalupe Suttle and 18-year-old Alexis Balbastro. Each individual was arrested for Organized Retail Theft and Fraud Schemes and booked into the Pima County Jail. Their booking photographs are listed below.

The Tucson Police Department, through partnership with the community, will continue to work diligently to address this growing trend within our community.



**Richard Godoy**



**Felipe Godoy**



**Elizabeth Godoy**

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